Presteigne Urban District Council.

Annual Report

Of the

Medical Officer of Health

For the

Year 1939.

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Presteigne Urban District Council.

Medical Officer's Report for 1939.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Gentlemen,

I herewith submit an abbreviated report, as instructed, together with the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Vital Statistics.

Adjusted Statistics for the Ministry of Health are :—

Population of District at the beginning of the year	...	1089
Population of District at the end of the year	...	1084

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

Scarlet Fever 2. Erysipelas 1.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS—Legitimate	5	4	9
Illegitimate	0	0	0
STILL BIRTHS—Legitimate	1	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0

Death of Infants under 1 year of age ... Nil.

Comparability Factor ... 0·74.

Causes of Deaths.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Diarrhœa (2 years or over)	0	1	1
Heart Disease ...	4	1	5
Other Circulatory Disorders	4	0	4
Respiratory Disorders (other than Pneumonia)	0	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	1	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Cancer ...	1	0	1
Totals ...	10	4	14

Health Services.

As noted in previous reports. They have been augmented for emergency, and Lectures are regularly attended.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. A new free Emergency Laboratory Service has been established by the Ministry of Health at Aberystwyth.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE. As given in previous reports, except that the new Building Bye-laws became operative during the year.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES. These remain as previously reported.

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Medical Officer.

Sanitary circumstances of the District 1939.

Water Supply.

The supply remains as given in the 1938 Report, samples are regularly taken and there is no special feature to report on. The supply was sufficient during the whole of the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Other than a few yards of drains renovated there is no change from the previous year.

Rivers and Streams.

There is nothing to add to the Report for 1939 which was not dealt with in previous reports.

Closet Accommodation.

Conversion of the few remaining pit closets proceeds slowly owing to difficulties in obtaining material. There has however been 3 converted out of the remaining 10.

Public Cleansing.

No alteration from the method has been found necessary.

Table A.

Report as required by Article XIX. of the Sanitary Officers' Order, 1926.

Inspections under—	No. of Inspections.	Informal Notices.	Statutory Notices.	Complied with.
Housing Regulations 1930 Act ...	4	4	—	4
Housing Regulations Public Health Act	65	30	—	22
Workshops and Factories ...	16	1	—	1
Dairies & Cowsheds	98	—	—	—
Bakehouses ...	4	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses	12	—	—	—
Water Supplies ...	1	—	—	—
Infectious Diseases	11	—	—	—
Nuisances Complaints	4	4	—	4
Complaints Investigated	4	4	—	4

Letters written	...	97
Privies—		
Converted	...	3
Repaired	...	1
Cowsheds and Dairies—		
Inspections	...	98
Nuisances—		
Inspections	...	12
Work completed	...	12
Water Closets—		
Provided	...	3
Repaired	...	3
Drainage—		
New	...	45 yds.
Re-laid	...	10 yds.
Ventilated	...	Nil.
Sinks repaired	...	2
Water Supply—		
Samples taken	...	3

Bakehouses—		
Inspections	...	6
Slaughterhouses—		
Inspections	...	12
Seizures	...	—
Houses—		
Erected	...	2
Derelict made fit	...	1
Inspections	...	69
Recorded	...	Nil.
Work in progress	...	Nil.

Factories and Workshops.

Bakehouses	...	4
Blacksmiths	...	1
Cabinet Makers	...	1
Building Contractors	...	6
Cycle Repairers	...	1
Laundries	...	1
Motor Garages	...	2
Saddlers	...	1
Printers	...	1
Ironmongers	...	1

Number of Inspections of Factories and Workshops - 16.

Shops & Offices - Camping Sites - Smoke Abatement - Swimming Baths & Pools.

No action has been necessary in either of the above cases.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Only one case dealt with during the year.

Schools.

The Sanitary conditions of the Schools remain unchanged and are satisfactory.

Housing Statistics.

Number of New Houses erected during the Year

(a) Total number including those given separately under (b)	2
i. By Local Authority ...	—
ii. By other Local Bodies ...	—
iii. By other Bodies or Persons ...	2
(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts.	
i. By Local Authority.	
(a) For the purpose of Part II. of the 1925 Act	—
(b) ,, ,, Part III. ,, ,,	—
(c) For other purposes ...	—
ii. By other Bodies or Persons ...	—

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Health and Housing Acts and the number of Inspections made ...	69
2. Number of Dwelling Houses (included under sub-head above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and the number of Inspections made ...	—
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	4
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heads) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	—

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	4

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1925.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served ... —

2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of such notice ... —
   By Owners ... —
   By Local Authority ... —

3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of Declaration by owner of intention to close ... —

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... —

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notice—
   By Owner ... —
   By Local Authority in default of Owner ... —

(c) Proceedings under Secs. 11, 14, 15 of the Housing Act, 1925.

1. Number of representations made with a view to the making of a Closing Order ... —

2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... —

3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit ... —

4. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... —

5. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Order ... —

4. Number of Houses owned by the Local Authority.

Distinguishing those built in the last two years and held under (1) Part III. of the Housing Act, 1925 ... 6
(2) Part II. of the Housing Act, 1925 ... —
(3) Other Powers (overcrowding abatement) 6

Inspection and Supervision of Food and Milk Supplies.

Inspections are regularly carried out and premises visited during the year, no action became necessary.

Meat and other Foods.

The Slaughter Houses were regularly visited during the first half of the year, then Slaughtering became centralised and none now takes place within the District.

ADULTERATION. The taking of Samples is in the hands of the County Official, the County being answerable for the carrying out of the work under the Food and Drugs Acts.

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